



**HEALTH PROFESSIONS  
EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

*Giving Golden Opportunities*

**Youth for Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention  
Leadership Recognition Program**

The Health Professions Education Foundation is currently accepting nominations for the Youth for Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Leadership Recognition Program (YAPP/LRP).

**ABOUT THE FOUNDATION**

The Health Professions Education Foundation is a non-profit, public benefit corporation established in 1987 to provide financial assistance to health professional students in California who are willing to practice in the underserved areas of California.

The mission of the Foundation is to improve access to health care in underserved areas of California by providing financial support to health professional students and graduates who are willing to practice in those areas.

**ABOUT THE YAPP LEADERSHIP RECOGNITION PROGRAM**

The YAPP-LRP seeks to identify and recognize California youth that have been effective leaders in their communities by promoting healthy adolescent sexuality and/or teen pregnancy prevention.

A leader is described as "a first or principal performer in a group," says Merriam-Webster, and "leadership" as the act of leading. Much of the time, there are those who lead by the manifest of their diligence and dedication, never stopping to even consider themselves as leaders. These are the uncounted heroes who do what they do, not for the concern of glory, but being steadfast in the cause.

Accordingly, the purpose of the YAPP-LRP is to specifically identify leaders and support their success by recognizing and celebrating their achievements and accomplishments. Youth selected for this recognition will receive an educational award of up to \$5,000 per year for up to 5 years (\$25,000 total) to assist them in pursuing health professional careers (e.g., medicine, ancillary services, dentistry, nursing, mental health, etc).

Awards will be presented in a public ceremony. Award recipients will be afforded travel and accommodations for themselves and one guest to attend the ceremony. Details of the award ceremony will be announced at a later date.

**The Youth for Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Leadership Recognition Program  
is funded by a grant from  
The California Wellness Foundation (TCWF).**

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Potential applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Be at least 16 years old and possess a high school diploma or the equivalent (for example, a GED), **or**, be at least 18 years old but not older than age 24, by June 30, 2002.
- Be a United States citizen or permanent resident **and** a California resident.
- Attend an accredited California vocational school, college or university.
- Maintain at least half-time enrollment (6.0) units for the duration of the health professions program.
- Maintain a minimum grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.0.
- Be willing to practice direct patient care in a designated medically underserved area\* of California for a minimum of two years immediately following graduation from a health professional program. Medically underserved areas and facilities are those areas and facilities having been specifically designated as such by the responsible state or federal agency. Not all areas or facilities have received this designation.

\*The Foundation encourages potential applicants to review the information on medically underserved areas and facilities of California prior to applying for this award. The information can be requested from the Health Professions Education Foundation by calling (800) 773-1669 or (916) 653-0860. This information can also be viewed and/or downloaded from the website at [www.healthprofessions.ca.gov](http://www.healthprofessions.ca.gov). Click on the "MUA Facilities" link and/or the "MUA Census Tract" link to view information that will help you determine whether a facility of interest qualifies. For additional information about medically underserved areas and facilities of California please contact the Foundation.

## WHAT ARE THE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS?

Applicants must be nominated by an instructor, a faculty member, or an individual representing an organization for which the applicant has performed paid, volunteer, or community services promoting healthy adolescent sexuality and/or teen pregnancy prevention during the last 5 years. After first obtaining a letter of nomination, the applicant must then submit the completed application package and two copies of the completed application package by the final filing date. **Only complete application packages received by the final filing date will be evaluated.**

The Foundation encourages each applicant to read this program announcement and the eligibility and application requirements very carefully. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that these requirements are met, and to ensure the accuracy

and completeness of all documents submitted as part of the application package. **We also urge applicants to contact our office at (800) 773-1669 or (916) 653-0860 to discuss any questions regarding the eligibility and/or application requirements, before submitting an application.**

A completed application package will consist of the following:

1. **Nomination Letter.** The nomination letter may be provided by an instructor or faculty member, or from an individual representing an organization for which the applicant has performed paid, volunteer, or community service promoting healthy adolescent sexuality and/or teen pregnancy prevention. The nomination letter must describe the applicant's specific achievements, accomplishments and/or contributions in areas promoting healthy adolescent sexuality and/or teen pregnancy prevention, and any significant impact or outcomes.
2. **YAPP-LRP Application (including responses to "Personal Statement" questions).** **Application forms may be obtained by contacting the Foundation at (800) 773-1669, or, (916) 653-0860.** Applications may also be downloaded from the Foundations website at [www.healthprofessions.ca.gov](http://www.healthprofessions.ca.gov). Resumes or autobiographies will not be accepted in lieu of the YAPP-LRP Application form. Please do not bind or submit documents in a loose-leaf binder or portfolio, however, securing documents with a binder clip is recommended.
3. **Official high school or high school equivalency transcripts/GED, or college transcripts,** for all institutions attended. Official transcripts must bear the school seal or authorized signature stamp. Photocopies are not acceptable.
4. **Color photograph and Release Authorization Form.** Applicants must submit a color photograph not larger than 3-1/2 X 5. Photographs will not be returned. Photographs are requested solely for the purpose of profiling award recipients and in no way will be used in the evaluation or selection process.
5. **Financial Data.** Applicants must submit either "a" or "b" below.
  - a) A complete photocopy of the signed 2000 Federal tax return, including all Form W-2s filed for the applicant's household. Applicant's who did not file a 2000 Federal tax return, and who are dependent upon the parent's income, must submit a copy of the parent's complete and signed 2000 Federal tax returns and all associated W2s.

**OR**

- b) The final 2001-2002 Student Aid Report (SAR). {The SAR is the document that is sent to students who file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). If after receiving the SAR no corrections or changes were reported, this original SAR is your final copy. If you reported corrections or changes to the SAR, a new SAR was or will be sent to you reflecting the corrections or changes reported. In this case, the corrected copy is your final SAR.}}

**6. Letters of support.** (Optional, however, letters of support that meet the criteria specified below may receive bonus points.)

Applicants may submit up to 2 letters of support. The letters of support should be obtained from persons who have observed your work or who have benefited from services you provided. Each letter must specifically describe the applicant's accomplishment, achievement, and contribution in promoting healthy adolescent sexuality and/or teen pregnancy prevention, and any significant impact of the services provided. Letters of support may not be obtained from the same person who provided the nomination letter.

**WHAT ARE THE EVALUATION CRITERIA?**

Preliminary evaluation will be based on information submitted in the application package. Therefore, applicants should complete all relevant entries on the application form, and review each question carefully to provide direct, clear and concise answers to all questions. An oral interview will be conducted for those applicants who succeed in the preliminary evaluation process.

Some of the evaluation criteria to be considered are:

- Work Experience - The applicant's paid work experience including promoting healthy adolescent sexuality and/or teen pregnancy prevention, including access to family planning services for youth;
- Community Involvement -The applicant's documented community and volunteer service including promoting healthy adolescent sexuality and/or teen pregnancy prevention, including access to family planning services for youth;
- Career Goals - Well defined personal and/or professional goals and plans for the next 5-10 years;
- Academic Performance - Cumulative academic performance and potential for future academic success; and
- Family and Community Background - For example, family structure, area(s) where the applicant grew up (e.g., rural, urban, suburban area, medically underserved area, etc.), socioeconomic status of the family, and personal challenges and barriers faced.
- Financial Need - Actual or potential difficulty in completing education in the absence of financial assistance.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 23, 2002**

**Only complete application packages received in the Foundation office by 5:00 p.m. on January 23, 2002 will be evaluated.** Applications are not acceptable by postmark or by any electronic means (i.e., fax, email).

**WHERE TO OBTAIN AND/OR SUBMIT AN APPLICATION**

Applications may be obtained from and should be submitted to:

**Health Professions Education Foundation  
YAPP-Leadership Recognition Program  
1600 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 436  
Sacramento, CA 95814**

**Phone: (800) 773-1669 or (916) 653-0860**

To request an application please call the Foundation office. Applications may also be downloaded from the website at [www.healthprofessions.ca.gov](http://www.healthprofessions.ca.gov).

**NOTIFICATION AND PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**

All applicants will be notified in writing by March 31, 2002, of the results of filing the YAPP-LRP application. Award recipients will be presented their awards in a public ceremony, and will be afforded travel and accommodations for themselves and one guest to attend the ceremony. Details of the awards ceremony will be announced at a later date.

**WHAT MUST THE APPLICANT CONSIDER BEFORE APPLYING?**

- Selection as a recipient of the YAPP-LRP does not guarantee the recipient employment upon graduation. However, consistent with the mission of the Health Professions Education Foundation, which is to increase the number of health professionals willing to serve in designated medically underserved areas\* of California, all recipients will be required to commit to a contract with the California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development.
- By signing the contract, each recipient immediately following graduation will be required to practice full-time in the health profession for which awarded for a

\*Note: The Foundation encourages potential applicants to review the information on medically underserved areas and facilities in California prior to applying for this award, and prior to signing a contract, to determine where opportunities for employment exist in medically underserved areas of interest. The contract, once enacted, is binding. Detailed information on designated medically underserved areas and facilities in California can be requested from the Health Professions Education Foundation by calling (800) 773-1669 or (916) 653-0860. This information can also be viewed and/or downloaded from the Foundation's website at [www.healthprofessions.ca.gov](http://www.healthprofessions.ca.gov).

minimum of two years in a designated medically underserved area or facility in California.

- **Unless evidence of emancipation is provided, for recipients under the age of 18 when awarded, a parent or legal guardian will be required to sign all contractual documents on behalf of the recipient, and to accompany the recipient to the awards ceremony.**
- Recipients who are unsuccessful in completing the program requirements will be required to repay the funds received.
- Applicants should consult with the school's financial aid office to determine whether receiving this award will effect other financial aid.
- Applicants should consult with a tax advisor to determine whether receipt of scholarship funds must be reported to the state Franchise Tax Board and to the Internal Revenue Service.
- Applicants whose family receives a social service grant of any kind are urged to contact their social service representative to determine whether these funds must be reported, and how receipt of these funds might effect the family's social service grant.

#### **OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION**

Each applicant is encouraged to make and keep a copy of the completed application package for his/her records. No documents submitted in the application package will be returned. No documents will be forwarded to other organizations.